

What is claimed is:

1. A magnetic head for recording/reproduction  
constructed so as to be capable of recording recording  
5 data onto and of reproducing recording data from a  
discrete track-type magnetic recording medium on which  
a plurality of concentric data recording tracks, which  
are magnetically separated by non-magnetic parts, are  
formed,  
10 wherein the magnetic head for  
recording/reproduction is constructed so that a  
magnetic effective recording head width of the magnetic  
head for recording/reproduction is equal to or larger  
than a combined width of a track width of the data  
15 recording tracks and double an off-track width of the  
magnetic head for recording/reproduction with respect  
to the data recording tracks during a recording of the  
recording data and is equal to or smaller than a width  
produced by subtracting double the off-track width  
20 during the recording from a combined width of the track  
width and double a width of the non-magnetic parts, and  
a magnetic effective reproduction head width of the  
magnetic head for recording/reproduction is equal to or  
larger than a combined width of the track width and  
25 double an off-track width of the magnetic head for  
recording/reproduction with respect to the data  
recording tracks during a reproduction of the recording  
data and is equal to or smaller than a width produced  
by subtracting double the off-track width during the  
30 reproduction from a combined width of the track width  
and double the width of the non-magnetic parts.

2. A magnetic head for recording/reproduction

according to claim 1,

wherein the effective recording head width is wider than a track pitch of the data recording tracks and the effective reproduction head width is wider than the track pitch of the data recording tracks.

3. A magnetic head for recording/reproduction according to claim 1,

wherein the magnetic head for recording/reproduction is constructed so that the effective recording head width and the effective reproduction head width are similar, and are both similar to a track pitch of the data recording tracks.

4. A magnetic recording medium constructed as a discrete track-type medium on which a plurality of concentric data recording tracks, which are magnetically separated by non-magnetic parts, are formed and onto and from which recording data can be recorded and reproduced by a magnetic head for recording/reproduction,

wherein the magnetic recording medium is constructed so that a track width of the data recording tracks is equal to or smaller than a width produced by subtracting double an off-track width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction with respect to the data recording tracks during a recording of the recording data from a magnetic effective recording head width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction, the track width is equal to or smaller than a width produced by subtracting double an off-track width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction with respect to the data recording tracks during a

reproduction of the recording data from a magnetic effective reproduction head width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction, and a combined width of the track width and double a width of the non-magnetic parts is equal to or larger than a combined width of the effective recording head width and double the off-track width during the recording, and is equal to or larger than a combined width of the effective reproduction head width and double the off-track width during the reproduction.

5. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 4, constructed so that a track pitch of the data recording tracks is narrower than the effective recording head width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction and is narrower than the effective reproduction head width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction.

6. A magnetic recording medium according to claim 4, constructed so that a track pitch of the data recording tracks is similar to both the effective recording head width and the effective reproduction head width of the magnetic head for recording/reproduction.

7. A recording/reproduction apparatus comprising a magnetic head for recording/reproduction according to claim 1 and a magnetic recording medium according to claim 4 and constructed so as to be capable of recording the recording data onto the magnetic recording medium and of reproducing the recording data from the magnetic recording medium.